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BRIDGEVIEWS

Highlighting Community News and Events

September 2014

BRIDGEVIEW IN PROGRESS

Here are updates on three businesses that are expanding their operations in the village

CIRCLE K

After several delays, construction is in full swing at 71st and Harlem. The first of several retail projects planned for the stadium has begun in earnest. Foundations are already poured and walls will be built soon. With the large number of cars on Harlem and the tens of thousands of visitors to Toyota Park, the Circle K corporation has high hopes for this location.

Circle K already operated a gas station at 87th and Harlem and has plans to upgrade and remodel that location. Circle K has seen first hand that Bridgeview is a good place to do business. The company, like so many corporations and business owners, has committed millions to business in Bridgeview.

Their optimism reflects the great strides Bridgeview has made after the great recession.



71st and Harlem, looking west at Toyota Park



HAWK CHEVROLET

Hawk Chevrolet's multimillion dollar new look nears completion! Construction on rebuilding the parking lots began several weeks ago, and the final touches are being made to the new car showroom and the car service area.

Bridgeview's own Chevy dealer has invested to make the car dealership the best in the area. Hawk Chevrolet sees Bridgeview as a great place to do business and is investing heavily on its decision. A grand opening is expected very soon.

BRIDGEVIEW CHIROPRACTIC & PHYSICAL MEDICINE

Dr. Shanab broke ground on his latest project in Bridgeview: a 5,000-square-foot office building adjacent to his already successful chiropractic clinic.

Dr. Shanab started treating patients many years ago in Bridgeview. He has continually expanded his business in the village, moving to larger and larger office spaces. Several years ago he purchased the building at 83rd Street and Harlem and remodeled it. Now he is expanding that building and will rent spaces to other health professionals.

"Bridgeview is where I started and have built my business. I love Bridgeview and the people of the community," Dr. Shanab says.



From left to right: Mayor Landek, Dr. and Mrs. Shanab, and Trustees Sutton, Higginson and Pinion watch as the ribbon is cut for the new project.

Village Board approves purchase of new ambulance

Just last month Trustee Patricia Higginson presented a bid for new fire engine totaling nearly \$400,000. This month Trustee Higginson presented bids for a new ambulance.

The low bid was from Wheeled Coach, in the amount of \$193,333. The purchase was approved unanimously by the Village Board during a recent meeting.

Over the past two months, more than a half million dollars has been spent on fire department equipment.

"Bridgeview has always been known for it's great fire department and first-rate equipment," said Trustee Higginson, who has lived in Bridgeview for 40 years. "The Great

Recession put many purchases on hold. Bridgeview is now in a stronger financial position to make these type of capital improvements."

The ambulance bids were reviewed by a committee of Fire Department employees. The new ambulance will be a nearly exact copy of our highly touted 2012 model. Service ratings are high, with a minimal amount of repairs for the vehicle, according to Fire Chief Butkus.

Trustee Higginson reported that the contracts have been signed and the order has been placed, so the company will soon start building our ambulance. Delivery is scheduled for March of 2015.

Fire engine ready to roll

After having been outfitted with a special rack, trays, radios and all the other equipment needed for their important work, Trustee Higginson reports that the new fire truck will be answering calls before this edition of BridgeViews goes to the printer!

Driving classes will be given to those who will be using the new engine.

"Each engine drives differently," Chief Butkus explained. "We want to make sure all of our engineers are properly trained on the new equipment."

The \$400,000 engine is expected to serve Bridgeview for decades to come. It is a welcome addition to our already professional and able fire department.



Firefighters Medeisis, Radtke, Bragel and Denson look forward to using the new ambulance.



From left to right: Firefighter Radtke, Chief Butkus and firefighters Huber and Lipinski learn about the new fire engine.

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After Treasure Days, here come ... FALL VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAYS

For residents who have regular **Monday pickup**, Clean-Up Days pickup will be **Saturday Sept. 27**

For residents who have regular **Tuesday pickup**, Clean-Up Days pickup will be **Saturday, Oct. 4**

Bridgeview delivers the ducks!

Village again lends big hand to Special Olympics Illinois' Rubber Ducky Derby fundraiser

It was in 2011 when Trustee Patricia Higginson first volunteered the Village of Bridgeview's help in carrying a truckload of rubber ducks to the Columbus Drive Bridge in Chicago for a Special Olympics fundraiser. The village provided the truck as well as the driver.

That year, Special Olympics Illinois was in desperate need of a truck for the annual fundraiser that provides funds to promote Special Olympics events and operations throughout the year.

Special Olympics Illinois was so pleased with Trustee Higginson and the Village for their help that they made the Village of Bridgeview an official sponsor of the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby



Fundraiser. Each year since then the village has had the specially outfitted truck and driver Floyd Coomer carry nearly 60,000 rubber ducks to

the Chicago River. This highlights the special partnership that has formed between Bridgeview and Special Olympics Illinois.

This year's derby was held Aug. 7. It kicked off at 10 a.m. with entertainment for the entire family, including face painting, games, free food and refreshments, and appearances by sports mascots.

At 1 p.m., a total of 53,530 ducks were splashed down for the derby. Winners of the 2014 race are posted on the Rubber Ducky Derby website at www.duckrace.com/chicago.

The funds raised will help support Special Olympics sports training and competitions in 19 sports throughout the year for close to 21,500 athletes, including over 18,500 young athletes from all over Illinois.

Bridgeview is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby.



Trustee Pinion, Sutton and Higginson enjoy themselves during the Hawaiian Luau.

Seniors enjoy Hawaiian Luau

Trustee Mary Sutton provided leis to seniors as they arrived at the Stadium Club to celebrate a Hawaiian luau. Gentlemen added to the Hawaiian spirit by wearing their "Aloha shirts," and were accompanied by ladies who wore tropical dresses and flowers in their hair.

A kalua pig was the main dish of the luau, highlighting the Hawaiian celebration. Seniors enjoyed their lunch surrounded by colorful flowers and decorations while listening to live hula music. Ten prizes, donated by Bridgeview Bank Group and the Bridgeview Park District, were raffled throughout the event.

Trustees Patricia Higginson and Norma Pinion, who also attended, were happy to see that the luau was another successful "Enjoy the Good Life" event that brought together over 300 senior residents of Bridgeview.

**ALL BRIDGEVIEW SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS
ARE INVITED TO**

"Enjoy the Good Life in Bridgeview"

TRICKS AND TREATS SENIOR FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Doors open at 10 a.m.

**Bridgeview Community Center
79th and Oketo**

- IL Secretary of State services
- Flu shots
- Health screening
- Massages
- Raffles
- Refreshments
- Food
- Music
- Vendors

PRESENTED BY

MAYOR STEVEN LANDEK,

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CLERK JOHN ALTAR

TOYOTA PARK HAPPENINGS

30,000 bask in the glow of the Blacklight Run

About 30,000 runners gathered at Toyota Park on Aug. 15 and Aug. 16 to bask in the glow of the Blacklight Run. A multitude of people of different ages and speeds showed up with two things in common: a white shirt and the desire to reach the finish line.

Participants had a great time during the run, getting covered in neon powder that glowed as they made their way toward the finish line. Following the race, a glowing after-party awaited the participants, who danced to the music with their friends and family members.

The Village of Bridgeview and Toyota Park are proud to host the 5K Blacklight Run, which brings families and friends together and raises funds for local charities. This year the funds were donated to Children's Hospital of Chicago.



Foam Glow 5K Run coming to Toyota Park

The Foam Glow 5K run is coming to Toyota Park on Sept. 26 and 27. This 3-mile run gives runners the opportunity to glow, thanks to "Foam Glow" and black lights set up all over the course.

People of all ages and speeds are welcome to participate in this event, which is designed to let participants have glow-in-the-dark fun throughout the race path and at the after-party.

Runners begin at the start line like a brand-new canvas, and by the end they're covered in different colored glowing foam that is highlighted by the black lights.

Registration for Saturday, Sept. 27 is closed, but there are still some spots open for Friday, Sept. 26.

Funds raised will be donated to Children's Hospital of Chicago.



FRIDAY, OCT. 17 **SATURDAY, OCT. 18**
TEAMS TBD 5:30 p.m. TEAMS TBD 3 p.m.
USA VS. TBD 8 p.m. TEAMS TBD 5:30 p.m.

TWO-DAY PRICING

\$800	Second Star Club
\$200	Front Row Tables (ticket only, sold in sets of four)
\$175	Front Row
\$125	Club Seats (includes Club Lounge access)
\$88	Midfield
\$66	Sideline
\$52	Corner
\$42	Endline

USA WOMEN'S SOCCER RETURNS TO TOYOTA PARK

Join our own USA Women's Soccer Team as it plays two qualifying games for the 2015 Women's World Cup.

The games will be played on October 17 and 18 at Toyota Park. Both games are official FIFA games, which qualify international teams for the Women's World Cup in Canada in 2015. See the finest in world soccer and cheer on the USA!!!

BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

6 Weeks of Saturday Programs

Polish Storytime Saturdays, Noon
Ms. Weronika will be having a storytime for children who enjoy stories, songs, and making crafts in Polish!

Arabic Storytime Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ms. Paula's popular program is back! School-age children will be reading, writing, and speaking Arabic.

Drop-In Storytime Saturdays, 3 p.m.
Looking for something fun to do? Well, come stop by for a storytime full of crafts, games, music and more!



Fall into Reading!

Special Events

Grandparent's Day Saturday, Sept. 6, 2 p.m.

Celebrate with Grandma, Grandpa or both, and show them how much you love them by making an awesome craft just for them!

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.

You're invited to our family event! This year's Hispanic Heritage focus is on Guatemala! There also will be exciting crafts, music, dancing, and more.

Polish Heritage Celebration Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Learn more about Poland and its rich culture and traditions.

Halloween Craft Night Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Stop in and create a Boo-tiful craft. Registration required.

Halloween Family Movie Night Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Halloweentown II (PG)

Kids Halloween Bingo Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. Registration required.

Pre-K Halloween Party Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m.

Games, snacks and a Halloween parade around the library in your Halloween costume. Registration required.

Baby, Toddler, Preschool

Preschool Craft

Mondays, 1 p.m.

Join us for a fun time with stories, songs and crafts. Ms. Paula encourages all children ages 3 years and older to attend.

Baby n' Me Storytime

Tues., 1:30 p.m.

This program allows babies and their caregivers to spend time together reading, singing, dancing, and playing! Babies age 15 months and younger are welcome to attend. A caregiver must be present in this program.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

This program is designed for children age 3 to 5 who love to play with friends! Along with a story and song, your child will be able to play indoor golf, bean bag toss, bowling, bingo and more!

Book & Boogie

Fridays, 11:10 a.m.

Bring your toddler to our new program. We will read a story, sing songs, dance, play instruments, and much more! This is great program for active toddlers, so come join the fun!

After-School Programs

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Club

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

For children in grades K-2, with or without a caregiver. Need something fun to do? Bring your friends and join Mrs. Paula for stories, songs, and a special craft.

2nd-6th Grade Activities

• **Wii Move** Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

If you are in grades 2 through 6 and you're tired of sitting after a long day at school, come dance and play at Bridgeview Public Library's newest program.

• **Iwrite!** Every Thursday 4 p.m.

Does your child love telling stories, writing, or drawing

pictures? In this program, children will help write and illustrate a new interesting book for the library! This program will help improve the child's writing and spelling.

All ages welcome

• **Kids Craft** Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate creativity! Each week kids create a new fantastic craft with Ms. Weronika.

• **Lego Club** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Love to build houses, monster cars, and rocket ships? Or create gardens and shops? Then come to Lego Club! Build whatever you would like or try the weekly Lego Club Challenge.



Bridgeview Park District

TRIPS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Registration is necessary. Visit us at Bridgeview Park District - 8100 S. Beloit Register early: 708-594-1818
Enjoy the Ride on our bus and leave the driving to us. All trips leave from Bridgeview Park District.

Trips

FOUR WINDS CASINO TRIP

- New Buffalo, MI

Monday, Sept. 15th

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Ages: 21 +

Fee: \$32.00 Min/Max: 30/54

EXCURSIONS INTO THE UNKNOWN

- Chicago Suburbs

Friday, Sept. 19th

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Ages: 13 yrs and older

Fee: \$35.00 per person

LET'S DINE

Berghoff's

- Chicago

Thursday, Sept. 25th

A Chicago Classic-serving up German cuisine and culture since 1898.

Berghoff's doors opened in 1898 as a "men-only" saloon serving free corned beef sandwiches with the purchase of a stein of Berghoff Beer. Through the years, Berghoff expanded into a full-service restaurant rich in German-American cuisine and culture.

At today's Berghoff, diners find lighter and more contemporary dishes along with treasured old world favorites.

The famous Berghoff Root Beer and annual Berghoff Oktoberfest are evidence of its deep German roots.

Join us for an evening full of food and history at this Chicago landmark!

4:30 pm

Fee: \$8.00 for transportation.

Ages: 21+

B.E.S.T. Wii BOWLING

FALL LEAGUES NOW FORMING

Back for another season of Bowling!

Regular season is 8-weeks.

Each team consists of 4 players.

Each team bowls 1 match per week.

A match consists of 2 games. League

play begins on Friday,

Sept 19th at 10 am. Spectators are

welcome! Award presentation on

Friday, Nov. 14th. **Team Meeting and**

FREE practice session on Friday,

Sept. 12th at 10:00 am.

Ages: 55+

Fee: \$12 per person/per season

Time: 10:00 am

Days: **Fridays**, Sept. 19th - Nov. 7th

Special Event

CROSS HARLEM CLASSIC - FREE

Bridgeview Park District is teaming up with the Viverito Senior Center in Burbank to invite all seniors age 55+ to the **2nd annual CROSS HARLEM CLASSIC**. This is a fun Wii Bowling

Tournament! Everyone bowls a minimum of 1 game, pending registration.

There will be a break for a light lunch, then we are back to finish bowling to see what treats are in store for us.

Everyone will have a "spooktacular" good time! **Pre-registration is required.**

Check in starts at 9:30am.

Tournament play begins at 10am.

Walk-ins will be accommodated only if the rosters show an opening.

Date: **Thursday, October 30th**

Fee: **FREE** Ages: 55+

FREE Workshops for 55+

Registration Necessary

SMOOTHIE DAY W/ JENCARE

Monday, Sept. 8th 2 - 3 pm

We'll discuss nutrition and how it affects your health today.

Free smoothie included!

TO YOUR CREDIT

Tuesday, Sept. 30th 10 - 11 am

Important info on the basics of credit and the role it plays in your life.

A WISE INVESTMENT

Tuesday, Oct. 7th 10 - 11 am

Learn the strategies of how wise investments can benefit you over a lifetime.

LEARN ABOUT

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN

Thursday, Oct. 16th 10 - 11 am

Ages: 65+ and caregivers

Gymnastics Classes - 8 wks

Must register by September 2nd

All classes start the week of Sept. 8th.

There are 4 sessions - Sept. thru May.

Mini Tykes Gymnastics for 2-3 yr olds

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:00 pm.

Provides a strong basis for all sports.

This is a structured gymnastics class without parent participation. Coaches focus on basic gymnastic skills, individual movement exploration, and following directions. This class promotes social and physical development.

Fee: \$30.00

Tykes Gymnastics for 4-5 year olds

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

OR Friday 4:00 -5:00 pm.

Focuses on beginning skills for preschool age children. This class introduces the 4 pieces of apparatus that are used in regular gymnastics. Fundamental skills, including forward rolls, jumping, swinging, balancing, is taught using various learning stations.

Fee: \$50.00

Beginner/Intermediate

Girls Gymnastics for 6 - 13 year olds

Mondays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm

OR Friday 5:15 -6:45 pm

Beginner level gymnastics learn basic skills on vault, bars, beam and floor. Intermediates work on new skills through proper progression. Some skills include: limber skills, back-hip circles, jumps, scales on beam and proper vaulting approach.

Fee: \$60.00

PreTeam/Team Girls Gymnastics

for 6 - 13 years olds

Mondays from 5:45 - 8:15 pm

AND Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Students do NOT need to compete this year in order to be in this class. New skills are taught through proper progression to ensure a safe learning environment. This program meets twice a week in which the gymnasts work on skills and routines. This program is geared to get your gymnast ready for competition on all four events.

Fee: \$80.00

Tumbling Only for 6 - 13 years olds

Fridays from 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Students work on the tumbling mats only in this class. they are taught new skills and drills to improve their tumbling. Skills include limber skills, round-offs, and the more advanced tumbler will work on skills such as flip-flops and back tucks.

Fee: \$90.00

Bridgeview Park District

KIDS ON THE RUN

Registration is necessary. Bridgeview Park District • 8100 S. Beloit • 708-594-1818

TENNIS CAMP

Monday - Friday

September 15th - 19th

Players receive help with technique, participate in drills and play fun games. Lessons are at the Wierzba Park tennis courts. (*Wierzba Park is located at 78th and Oketo.*)

Min/Max for both classes: 4/8

NOTE: Must bring a racquet, water bottle, and 2 canisters of tennis balls.

Fee: \$30.00 per person

Beginner: Mini Aces 7-10 yrs old

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Intermediate: Jr. Aces 10-14 yrs old

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

YOUTH GIRLS

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

4th, 5-6th, & 7-8th Grade Divisions

Join Bridgeview Park District School & Park 2014 Girls Basketball League. We provide the referees, online schedule, 10 games and a trophy for 1st & 2nd place and medals for the team members.

Games are on Saturdays from 9 am to 6 pm with possible Sunday morning games. Each team will have a max of 12 players per roster. Games begin late November and single elimination playoffs start in March.

Season will range from 9-11 games depending on the amount of teams registered.

Cost per Team: \$500

No Team? Join Ours!

Contact Bridgeview Park District
8100 S. Beloit, Bridgeview, IL
Office: 708-594-1818



EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Children enrolled must be completely toilet trained and must be ready to stay in a classroom without becoming disruptive. Registration is first come first serve. *Child's original registered birth certificate is required in all cases*



BUILDING BLOCKS for the 3 yr old

Begins 9/9/2014

Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2014 in order to participate in the 2014-2015 program, which runs from Sept. 2014 to May 2015.

Day/Dates: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Fee: \$450.00 per year or 3 payments of \$150.00 every 11 weeks (Nov. & Feb.)

STEPPING STONES for the 4 yr old

Begins 9/8/2014

Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2014. They must also be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2015 to participate in the May 2015 Graduation. Program runs from Sept. 2014 to May 2015.

Days: **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Fee: \$600.00 per year or 3 payments of \$200.00 every 11 weeks (Nov. & Feb.)

PEBBLES "The Class for 2-year olds"

Dates: 10/6/2014 - 11/24/2014

Through storytelling, simple arts and crafts, group playtime, gym-time, and circle time your child's motor and socialization skills will be stressed. This class will be a great time for learning through play with the help of mom or dad nearby. The fee is per child, but an adult must accompany the child

Days: **Mondays**

Time: 11:00 am - Noon

Fee: \$50.00

DANCE - Fridays

HIP HOP: Focuses on the latest dance steps incorporating rhythm with dancer's own personal style.

BALLET: This is the first step for the young dancer, incorporating ballet movements in a structured class. Students will study basic coordination, gross motor skills, and dance class etiquette in a fun atmosphere.

• *White Ballet shoes are required for each Ballet class.*

Dates: Sept. 5th - Nov. 7th (no class 9/19 & 10/31)

Ballet for 3 - 6 years old: Time: 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Hip Hop for 4 - 7 years old: Time: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Hip Hop for 8 - 10 years old: Time: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Ballet for 7 - 10 years old: Time: 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Fee: \$25.00 for 8 weeks of classes



KID FIT and CONDITIONING CLASS - Thursdays

Students will perform different exercises to work on their flexibility, toning muscles, and conditioning their bodies to stay healthy and fit.



Ages: 6 - 15 years

Time: 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Fee: \$ 60.00

Dates: Sept. 11th - Oct. 30th



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Ahoy Maties!



Bridgeview Treasure Days are on the horizon!

Prepare yourself for the annual visit of Captain Pinion and Quarter Master Pticek aboard the Treasure Days ship! This year Treasure Days begins with the residents north of 79th St. on Saturday, Sept. 13th and Sunday, Sept. 14th. The pirate ship then heads south of 79th St on Saturday, Sept. 20th and Sunday, Sept. 21st.



All Treasure Days hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

As past practice, the Village waives all permits and fees and provides the advertising.

To sell your treasures, you need to clip and fill out the registration form below and bring it to the Village Customer Service Office. After you register, you will be issued a special Treasure Days mailbox cover. Attach the bright pink cover to your mailbox on your designated Treasure Day weekend. This cover will flag down the treasure hunters and of course, our famous pirate ship.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Sept. 10th.



Treasure Days

Yes! I want to cash-in on Bridgeview Treasure Days!
Please include me in the list of homes participating.

My Treasure Days are:

- ☐ **Saturday & Sunday, September 13th & 14th**
(North of 79th Street) ☐ **Saturday & Sunday, September 20th & 21st**
(South of 79th Street)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ - _____